

REMARKS

This application is a U.S. national stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 of International Application No. PCT/JP2004/013865, filed September 15, 2004. Claims 1-28 are pending.


The December 2, 2005 Notification Of Insufficient Fees stated that additional claims fees of \$2,850 is due (attributed to the multiple dependent claims). The December 2, 2005 Notification stated that Applicant must pay the fee due or cancel the additional claims (attributed to the multiple dependencies of claims 12-14 and 26-28).

By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 12-14 and 26-28 have been amended solely to remove the multiple dependencies therein. Since the claims as amended do not include multiple dependencies, Applicant submits that no additional claims fees are now due.

However, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any required fees, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, Applicant's undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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